

IN THE
INDIANA TAX COURT

NO.49T10-9309-TA-70

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, <i>et al.</i> ,)
)
Petitioners,)
)
v.)
)
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT)
FINANCE as successor to the)
STATE BOARD OF TAX)
COMMISSIONERS,)
)
Respondents.)

MONTHLY REPORT 24

As successor to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. this is the twenty-fourth monthly report of the Department of Local Government Finance ("DLGF") under the Court's order dated May 31, 2000, 729 N.E.2d 242, 247. The report explains the DLGF's activities during May 2002 to implement the Court's order. An outline of those activities is included as Exhibit A.

Lake County Reassessment

The DLGF signed contracts with Cole Layer Trumble ("CLT") and Crowe Chizek. The CLT contract has been approved by all state agencies in the signature chain and signed by the Governor. The DLGF reviewed and approved an invoice from CLT on

May 30, 2002. CLT will present the approved invoice for payment by Lake County as required by statute.

There has been no interruption in the reassessment work in Lake County. There are a total of 71 personnel on the project. The DLGF had several teleconferences and meetings with Manatron and CLT to coordinate delivery of computer hardware and software. It is anticipated that computer hardware and software will be installed in June.

The DLGF has been unable to reach a settlement with Arthur Andersen regarding its terminated contract. There is a risk that litigation will result that could threaten the progress of reassessment.

County Surveys/Computer Software

The DLGF's April 2002 survey of county and township assessors on the progress and status of the reassessment demonstrate that many counties are experiencing delays as a result of computer software problems. One of the software suppliers, Plexus, has not scheduled certification with the DLGF. At least one county that had signed a contract with Plexus has turned to a competitor for software. Several counties have reported concerns about being able to meet time deadlines due to lack of working CAMA software. The DLGF is taking action to address counties' concerns about software issues to assist counties that appear to be behind schedule.

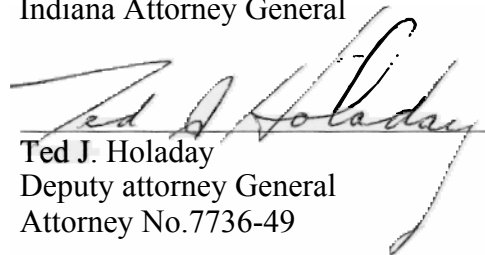
Proposed Rules

On May 22, 2002, the DLGF held a public hearing on its proposed rule for assessment of annually assessed mobile homes. There were no comments. The DLGF intends to meet with the rules panel in June to consider adoption of the final rule.

On May 22, 2002, the DLGF held a public meeting with the rules panel for final adoption of the following rules: Brown County Shelter Allowance, LSA Doc. # 01-366; Manual Selection Date, LSA Doc. #01-305; Equalization Standards, LSA Doc. #00-283. The rules panel and Commissioner adopted the Brown County Shelter Allowance and Manual Selection rules without change. There were several changes to the equalization rule in accordance with public comments and discussion with the rules panel members at the public meeting. The rules will be submitted for the Attorney General's review and the Governor's approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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